

NAF Atsugi celebrates 236th Birthday of the Navy

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NAVAL AIR FACILITY ATSUGI, JAPAN- It's that time of the year again, where Sailors get their dress blues ready for the celebration of adding another year to the Navy's existence.

On October 6, Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi will be hosting the Navy ball for the celebration of the 236th birthday at the Friendship Patio located between the Officer's Club and Skymasters.

The theme for the Navy ball will be the Centennial of Naval Aviation and Operation TOMODACHI. The base participated in both of these events and played a huge role in humanitarian efforts by delivering supplies and helping out in the affected areas by the March 11, 2011 earthquakes and tsunamis.

This year the Navy ball committee wanted to change up the usual setting that normally involves sitting at designated tables to a more open and social atmosphere.

“At this year's navy ball, you can expect it to be a lot different than previous Navy balls that were more formal static affairs,” said Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Timothy Perez, Navy Ball Committee member. “This one is going to be more loose and you’re going to be able to mingle more. The set up is to encourage mingling and for flow so people can go to different places and try different foods. It's going to be a celebration not some stuffy formal boring affair you'd expect from a navy ball.”

The ball has a lot of new changes to increase the social side of the event. Even the dinner portion which is usually the traditional sit down dinner has changed to a spread of multiple entrees to appeal to everyone's taste.

“Our food menu unlike the previous balls held at Atsugi will be more of a buffet style, it will be free flowing and you can jump around to the stations,” said Mike So, Food and Beverage Director. “You won’t be stuck with a specific menu. You can go around and pick various different assortments of foods that we're offering from red meat to sea food and also for vegetarians as well.”

The Navy ball is a time honored tradition to celebrate the birthday of the Navy and bring Sailors of all ranks together.

“It's going to be a nice night to bring your man or woman and look good, feel good, eat good and have a great time,” said Perez.

For more information or to purchase tickets please contact your departmental Navy ball representative or call Master-at-Arms Chief Christopher Crane at 264-4723.